

CLAIMS:

1. A track for equestrian sports and the like, comprising a base layer of compacted polymeric particles, the majority of which have a size in the range from 20-60 mm, an intermediate layer overlying the base layer and comprising compacted polymeric granules whose mean particle size is in a range from 3-25 mm and a top layer comprising finely divided composite particles formed from a thermoplastic polymer, a finely divided filler material such as sand and a wax-based binder.

2. A track according to claim 1 wherein the particles of the base layer are formed of a composite material with an inorganic filler.

3. A track according to claim 1 wherein the granules of the intermediate layer have a mean particle size in the range from 6-20 mm.

4. A track according to claim 1 wherein the filler material of the top layer has the majority of its particles in a size range from 0.1-1 mm.

5. A method of making a particulate material which comprises blending a polymer-coated finely divided filler material with wax and a particulate elastomer, in the presence of an organic solvent.

6. A method according to claim 5 wherein the finely divided filler material comprises sand.

7. A method according to claim 5 wherein the particulate elastomer comprises a rubber flake.

8. A method according to claim 5 wherein the filler material is coated with a recycled plastics material.

9. A method according to claim 8 wherein the recycled plastics material is selected from high and low density polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinylchloride, polyesters, polystyrene, copolymers of ethylene and propylene, polyamides, polycarbonates and combinations thereof.

10. A method according to claim 8 wherein the recycled plastics material is in the form of flakes having a size from 3-30 mm.